

### **In the Specification:**

Page 2, first paragraph, lines 2-8, replace with a new paragraph as follows:

-- The invention relates to a connecting element for an assembly system made up of a plurality of supports, in particular for an assembly system with system supports, wherein the supports have openings, arranged in a predetermined spacing on at least one of the outer walls of the support. The connecting element has a first member and at least one second member, wherein at least one of the members has a elongated hole for the purpose of fastening of the connecting element to the support or to a base surface by a ~~member~~ number of fastening elements, which can be passed through the at least one elongated hole.--

Pages 2-3, replace the paragraph bridging these pages (page 2, last three lines, page 3, first line) with a new paragraph as follows:

-- Assembly systems for medium and heavy loads are known that comprise system supports on whose outer walls openings at predetermined spacing are arranged. A plurality of connecting elements can be arranged at these openings for connecting the individual structural components to each other along the system support in a grid corresponding to the spacing of the openings. --

Pages 3-4, replace the paragraph bridging these pages (page 3, lines 13-20, page 4, line 1) with a new paragraph as follows:

-- According to the invention, the connecting element for an assembly system is made up of a plurality of supports, in particular for an assembly system having system supports, wherein the supports have openings that are disposed in a predetermined spacing on at least one of the outer walls of the support, a first member and at least a second member, wherein at least one of the members has at least one elongated opening for the purpose of fastening the connecting element to a support or to a base surface by a ~~member~~ number of fastening elements, which can be passed through the at least one elongated opening. At least the one member has notches over the length of the at least one elongated opening, into which the complementary notches can be brought to register. --

Page 2, second paragraph, lines 6-14, replace with a new paragraph as follows:

-- Since the predefined spacing of the openings in the support is preferably of the same dimensions in all supports and the openings are arranged in all outer walls of the supports and the notches of the connecting element have notches with a predefined spacing, assembly and planning of the construction to be created is simplified. Measuring distances for the purpose of positioning the connecting

element and special adaptations of the connecting element are reduced to a minimum. Adaptation with regard to planning and subsequent change of the construction is possible at any time. In addition, simple dismantling of the construction and re-use of the individual structural components is possible. If the fastening elements are loosened or removed, the connecting element can be reused at another position of this or another construction. --